

MOVIE 'PONZI' LURED GIRLS TO STUDIO BUT THEY LAUGHED AT HIM AS LOVER

Would-Be King Of Cinema World Posed as Don Juan

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While the police were flooded with complaints against Dr. Edmund Gaston Camille de Regnier, The GRAPHIC today uncovered startling facts that cast a new light on the amazing career of this would-be "Ponzi of the movie world."

Besides his overreaching ambition to become an emperor of the film industry, Dr. Regnier also visioned himself as a modern Don Juan, whose assiduous wooing of pretty maidens was supposedly irresistible.

Hand in hand with his attempts to build up a super-motion picture company on twenty-three cents, Dr. Regnier was quite taken with almost every pretty girl he met.

Unlucky at Love, Too

And although his attempts to win the hand of a lovely maiden were less successful even than his chimerical movie dreams, he never gave up in his pursuits. Foremost, of course, was Peggy Udell, whom he saw in such films as "Riding Streak" and others, in which she played the leading roles.

For two years Dr. Regnier sought to meet her. When she left Hollywood and came to New York in order to star in the films he hoped to produce, Dr. Regnier frankly and without the least trace of sensitivity declared that his intentions were to wed Peggy Udell.



When apprised of this fact, after being located in her suite at the Embassy Hotel, Peggy laughed and replied that she had suspected his designs and gave her suspicions as a reason why she engaged the services of James O. Brezinski, chief of the American Police Detective Service, to accompany her on her visits to the studio.

"And let me tell you," she said, "Mr. Brezinski knew him for what he was the minute he cast an eye on him, and he never took his eyes off me while I was speaking to Dr. Regnier."

But Peggy was only one of the girls whom Dr. Regnier sought to win with the aid of his fictitious moving picture company.

Another of those whom he pursued without success was Miss Anita Johnson, model and moving picture actress.

Proposal to Dancer

Still another of those to whom Dr. Regnier proposed was Miss Sylvia Malden, dancer and sculptress, whom he employed to work



Michael Birkler



J. O. Brezinski

in the art casting department. Dr. Regnier never missed an opportunity to tell her how pretty and alluring she was.

"I just laughed at him when he made these remarks," declared Miss Malden. "I thought they were too funny even for the funny

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Scornful Girls Spurned Movie "King"



DR. REGNIER, alleged "Ponzi" of the movie world, used his company—while it lasted—to meet beautiful girls by asking them to become stars. Above, Regnier is shown with one of his girl friends in a friendly pose. At upper right is Miss Beatrice C. Thomas, who said she had been lured by his promises of a job to join his company. At lower right is Miss Johnston, a model, to whom he is said to have proposed only to be laughed at for his pains.



Suzanne Welcomed Here By Bashful Red Grange

Suzanne Lenglen, the whirlwind of the tennis courts, temperamental as Mary Garden herself, set foot in America for the second time today determined to acquire a goodly supply of dollars under the tutelage of "Cash and Carry" Pyle.

Not content to meet his latest acquisition alone, Pyle took Red Grange in tow at the barge office before sun-up and made him meet the French liner Paris, which brought the tennis star from France.

While the Illinois iceman never had the pleasure of meeting Suzanne before, the humor was on Pyle to link their names together so repeatedly that newspapermen asked if their would be an alliance. "Who can say," answered Pyle. Grange stayed in the backfield while these reports were rife, and was extremely bashful when he did clasp the hand of Suzanne.

Glad to Arrive

"I am delighted to be here," accented Suzanne. She said she was optimistic about her venture. Commenting on the scarcity of opponents in her new field she said later on there will be as many professionals as amateurs, and that

there will be open games just as in golf.

She declared she would be delighted to meet Helen Wills, either as amateur or professional.

She was not able to say who her opponents will be.

No Heart Affairs

Suzanne laughed at Pyle's banter and assured newspaper men that she had no affairs of the heart and did not contemplate any at present.

She was sorry Dempsey lost the fight and insisted he should have turned in a better performance.

Champagne, quarts of it, passed down her throat during the voyage to ward off sea sickness, she said.

MRS. FRANK WEDS

Mrs. Pauline Frank of 100 Central Park West was married to Edward Lederer of Providence, R. I., yesterday at Shery's.

Score Rescued As Flames Sweep 18th St. Tenement

Thrilling rescues were made by firemen and patrolmen at a fire which swept through the three-story rooming house at 345 West 18th St. early today.

Flames and smoke coming from the rear of the ground floor were noticed by Patrolman John Revelle. On the top floor nearly all the tenants, clad in their night clothes, most of whom escaped to the roof through the skylight and were carried down by firemen.

An unidentified woman, about 65, was trapped upstairs. She was carried down and taken to New York Hospital in a serious condition.

Others injured were Robert Kelly, 71, who walked through the smoke and fire in order to escape; Leslie Harris, 26, and Henry Van Winkle, 74, and his wife, Anna, who received lacerations of the wrists.

Latest Surveys Reveal 4,000 Hurt In Florida Gale

The latest surveys by the American Red Cross in the Florida hurricane area, received by Chairman John Barton Payne today, estimate the number of injured at 4,000.

The surveys suggest that the disaster may be even more serious than the Mid-Western tornado of March, 1925, following which the Red Cross spent \$3,298,000 in relief. Thousands of homes have been destroyed.

Statements minimizing the damage in Florida were criticized by Howard J. Rogers, executive director of the New York County Chapter of the Red Cross, who yesterday issued a warning against the optimism of real estate developers.

Mr. Rogers described the method of giving aid, saying that money was not distributed, but that a committee of citizens in each community passed on cases, and that orders for merchandise were issued.

Rat Bites Woman While She Sleeps

Mrs. Louise Richards, 25, is recovering today from painful injuries and shock as a result of an attack upon her in her home, 51 5th St., Union City, N. J., by a big rat.

Her screams awoke an older brother, who reached her room as she fainted. An ugly bite back of her ear was treated by doctors from North Hudson Hospital.

Police in Reserve One Day in Six

New York city policemen will be in the station house on reserve one day in six after October 1, in accordance with an order issued by Chief Inspector Lahey.

The plan divides each squad into two sections. The squad as a unit will still be subject to reserve duty every third day, but the sections will alternate.

Stop Tombs Jail Break After Finding Guns, Saws

Discovery by guards of a package containing revolvers and hacksaws foiled the third attempt at jail delivery from the Tombs within three weeks.

Candler's Condition Is Still Critical

ATLANTA, GA., Sept. 29 (By U. P.).—The condition of Asa G. Candler, multi-millionaire "Coca Cola king," continues critical, according to physicians attending the aged financier at Welley Memorial Hospital.

The package was found on the Lafayette Street side, where it apparently had been tossed over the wall. Police are keeping a close guard on the jail today.

John Hogan, alias Ryan, of 2,059 2d Ave., has just been sent to the penitentiary for an indeterminate term after being captured by a rookie cop, who saw him drop a package of revolvers and saws into an ash can outside the Tombs walls.